

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on September 8, 2009 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Council President LaQuee. On roll call were Alderpersons Jensen, LaQuee, Manthey, Newberg, Robinson, Suhr, Administrator Ellisor, Chief Hanson, and Street Superintendent Mead. Mayor Williams and Attorney Pollex were excused.

In absence of Mayor Williams, Council President LaQuee stated he will keep his voting rights and forgo his veto powers as Acting Mayor.

Motion by Manthey, second by Jensen to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Report of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: (The Committee met August 25, 2009)

In Petitions and Communications, Mayor Williams stated we need to find cuts for 2010 and not raise taxes. A discussion was also held regarding a possible shed/building for salt.

Budget year to date is close with a couple of items that need to be adjusted, such as hydrant rental fees, snow removal, and police vacation lump sums.

Administrator Ellisor attended seminars sponsored by Ehlers & Associates and League of Municipalities. Items of interest were the levy and how to work with the percentage and bonding for construction (Build American Bond). Possibly a \$500,000 bond (\$300,000 for Well and \$200,000 for South Business Park) the possibility would be a 35% gain at year end.

Motions were made to pay the bills.

Report of City Officers:

Council President LaQuee made an announcement that the Public Works Committee would meet next week Wednesday, September 16th at 4pm.

Administrator Ellisor: Reiterated on the Build America Bonding Program that was mentioned in the Finance Committee Report. This is an assistance program funded through the stimulus program. The Bond would be a loan, for example \$500,000 for 10 years at 5 1/2% interest, and we would get a "rebate" of approximately 35% of interest paid at the end of that 10 years. It would be something to consider for future projects such as the Liberty Street reconstruction.

Administrator Ellisor also reported that it is getting closer to time to prepare the 2010 budget.

Chief Hanson: The Department received a new PBT (Preliminary Breath Tester) from the Dept. of Transportation as a result of taking part in non funded projects such as Booze and Belts and Over the Limit Under Arrest. The value of this device is around \$550.00.

The Department received its new mobile radio for the main squad and received a grant for a new mobile and new portable radio. The grant covers up to 75% of the cost and won't be used until 2010.

A reminder that as school is now in session, school zones will be enforced. Also, please remember to get visitor parking passes from the high school office.

One of the major properties in the City has started to show progress on cleaning up due in large part to a family members help. Hopefully, by October's end this issue will be resolved.

Reported that there has been an ongoing problem with Marquette Adams Communications with regards to our e-mails.

Street Superintendent Mead: Reported that storm sewer cleaning is about 95% complete. There are a few inlets on Main Street plus some problem inlets to check. The camera used to televise sewers will be used to televise the storm drains to determine what the problem is and what can be done. Oak trees

have been marked and letters will be going out in the next couple of weeks. Over 60 trees have been marked. In the last few days, the department is trying to close out the compost site on County J. In order to officially close out the site, all piles of chippings must be gone and compost must be removed or spread out and the area reseeded. The compost piles will be spread out and leveled, the garbage will be removed, and the area reseeded when it is time. There is a supply of finished compost available behind the new site and two piles ready to be screened next spring. Manthey wanted to let Mead know that she received a couple calls from citizens asking her to relay a “thank-you” to the Public Works Dept. for the way they handle the brush clean up. One of the calls came from a citizen that just moved from Cambridge where they don’t even offer this service. She is very thankful for this service in the City. Mead issued a thank you on behalf of the Department.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by Manthey, second by Newberg to approve the Proposed 2010 Fire District Budget and Allow the City’s Representative to Vote on Behalf of the City. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Manthey, second by Jensen to adopt Resolution 2009-18R relating to Adams County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. Roll call vote, all voted aye. (See Appendix B of Minutes Book for all Resolutions)

Introduced Ordinance 11-2009 relating to Amendment to Adjust Water Utility Rates by Resolution.

Introduced Ordinance 12-2009 relating to Amendment to Adjust Sewer Utility Rates by Resolution.

Motion by Manthey, second by Suhr to approve the Water and Sewer Agreements between the City of Adams Water Sewer Utility and Village of Friendship Water and Sewer. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Jensen, second by Robinson to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Newberg, second by Jensen to adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Jeanne G. Gostomski
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer